

Protective Order Committee
Indiana Judicial Center
Division of State Court Administration

Minutes
June 30, 2000

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, June 30, 2000 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

1. Members present: Tammy Baitz, George Brown, David Coleman, Robert Lybrook, Chris Monroe, Ruth Reichard, Alan Pope and Jamie Aichinger for Sarah Taylor, Jerry Ummel, Laura Zeman, and John Forcum, Chair.

2. Staff present: Tom Jones of the Division of State Court Administration provided staff assistance.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the April 28, 2000, meeting were approved.

4. Protective Orders.

1. Judge Forcum then presented a brief overview of the regional Full Faith and Credit Protection Order meeting that had been held in Indianapolis on June 6-7, 2000, to discuss the interstate enforcement of protection orders under the Violence Against Women Act enacted by the United States Congress in 1994. Officials from states and tribal courts from the Great Lakes and Central regions attended the meeting in Indianapolis. Concerns about the protective order process within Indiana were also discussed at the conference when individual state forums were held. Tammy Baitz, Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court, and Tom Jones, staff member from the Division of State Court Administration, who had also attended the conference, also commented on the conference.

2. The committee continued the listing of the individual concerns of committee members about the protective order process (see Attachment #1). Members who had not been able to attend the April 28th meeting were given the first opportunities to present their concerns.

3. Judge Forcum made copies of his Protective Order Referral Information Form available for discussion by the committee. The form is to be issued by law enforcement personnel at the site of a dispute. The petitioner then completes the form as part of the petition process for a protective order. If the form is completed correctly, the law enforcement personnel will have the identifying information available to get the protective order into the IDACS and NCIC protection order databases.

4. Judge Forcum reported that Chief Justice Shepard has a continuing interest in the

committee's work. Mr. Bercovitz of the Indiana Judicial Center will begin looking for grant money to further the work of the committee. This possibility will be explored further.

5. The assignments for the July 28th, 2000, meeting, to be held at the Indiana Judicial Center, are to categorize and prioritize the concerns that have been discussed at the April 28th and June 30th meetings. Judge Forcum also encouraged the committee members to carefully study the handouts distributed for reference purposes.

5. Future meeting dates: Friday, July 28, 1:00-4:00 PM; Friday, August 25, 1:00-4:00 PM; Thursday, September 21, 12:00 noon at the Judicial Conference in French Lick; Friday, October 27, 1:00-4:00 PM; and Friday, December 8, 1:00-4:00 PM. after the Judicial Conference that day.

Respectfully submitted,

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